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Paul Cort Resume

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EXPERIENCE

Earthjustice, San Francisco, CA

October 2005 – Present

Senior Attorney and Director, Right to Zero Air Practice Group Chair

- Direct national campaign to electrify transportation, buildings, and industrial sources with 100% clean energy grid.
- Litigate high-impact environmental cases on behalf of non-profit and community organizations. Focus on matters related to air pollution and energy. Victories include multiple nationally significant matters under the federal Clean Air Act and the Administrative Procedure Act in the D.C. Circuit, 9th Circuit, and various federal district courts.
- Provide legal expertise on matters related to air pollution. Nationally recognized expert on Clean Air Act. Regular panelist at law conferences, and expert resource for media.
- Advocate for clients before range of local, state and federal government agencies. Extensive experience and familiarity with agency practices and key decisionmakers.
- Develop and implement legal, political, and communications strategies to achieve regional and national air program objectives.

U.C. Hastings School of Law, San Francisco, CA

January 2007 – May 2022

Adjunct Professor

- Environmental Law Clinic. Teach class to support law school's externship program and explore emerging issues in environmental law with environmental leaders from local organizations.
- Environmental Law and Policy. Created and taught new course that reviewed environmental policy tools, their use in the law, and relevant strengths and weaknesses.
- Statutory Environmental Law: Taught 1L introductory environmental law course.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco, CA

May 2002 – October 2005

Attorney, Air & Toxics Branch, Office of Regional Counsel

- Counseled air division on federal rulemakings, permits, and enforcement, and on EPA review of local rulemakings and state implementation plans.
- Lead attorney on national rulemakings and policy decisions related to risk-based regulation of air toxics.
- Assisted in defensive litigation involving EPA approval of state implementation plans.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

March 1998 – May 2002

Attorney, Air and Radiation Law Office, Office of General Counsel

- Counseled EPA offices on statutory authority and administrative law requirements related to rulemaking under the Clean Air Act. Lead attorney on national standards for non-road diesel equipment, mobile source air toxics emissions, urban air toxics program, risk-based air toxics programs, and state fuel regulation.
- Represented EPA in meetings with public, other executive agencies, and Congressional staff.
- Assisted in defensive litigation related to EPA rulemakings, and represented EPA in administrative appeals of air permitting decisions.
- Awarded Gold Medal for Exceptional Service for work to address air quality issues during California energy shortages.

Pillsbury Madison & Sutro, LLP, San Francisco, CA

October 1996 - March 1998

Associate Attorney, Environment, Health & Safety Group

- Provided legal counseling on compliance issues arising under various federal and state environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, National Environmental Policy Act, California Environmental Quality Act, and Proposition 65.
- Assisted in litigation, including drafting briefs, conducting document review, and preparing deposition materials.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

J.D., cum laude, May 1996.

University of Colorado Law School

Aug. 1993 – May 1994.

Dufford & Brown Award for best individual performance in Legal Writing.

Am. Jur. Award for highest mark in Criminal Law.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

M.S., Civil-Environmental Engineering, June 1991.

Thesis: "Using Computers in Superfund Negotiations: Evaluating Potential Applications."

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

B.S., Civil Engineering, June 1990.